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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/894,645	Applicant(s) CONSTANTIN ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election with traverse of the invention elected in the reply filed on June 15, 2005 is acknowledged. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Limitation (d) of claim 1 reads “ associating each at least one document classification with one of said at least one of said at least one document processing profile”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,560).

Regarding claim 1, Tan et al. discloses a receiver (supervisory server 420) controlled method for processing at least one document, said method comprising the steps of: (a) providing at least one processing step to be performed on said at least one document; (b) providing at least one document classification to be associated with an at least one document processing profile; (c) creating said at least one document processing profile by associating at least one of said at least

one processing steps therewith; and (d) associating each at least one document classification with one of said at least one document processing profile (col. 3, lines 9-57 and col. 4, lines 23 through col. 5 line 4) .

Regarding claim 2, Tan et al. discloses the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is a predefined step (col. 3, lines 9-64).

Regarding claim 3, the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is a step defined by said receiver (col. 3, lines 9-64).

Regarding claim 4, Tan et al. discloses the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is selected from a group consisting of: (a) storing a printed copy of said document in a document file; (b) storing said document in a memory; (c) storing a copy of said document in a second memory; (d) sending a copy of said document to another recipient; (e) printing said document; (f) sending a confirmation message to the sender of said document; (g) converting an image of said document into a text document; (h) searching a text document for key words; (i) creating index entries for said document; (j) requiring that said document be encrypted; (k) decoding an encrypted document; (l) requiring that said document be sent in a specified format; (m) requiring the use of specified scanner settings; (n) requiring transmission of said document using a specified method; (o) requiring that said document be sent from a specified location; (p) requiring that said document identifier be entered before transmission of said document; (q) requiring that a password be entered before transmission of said document; (r) requiring that a public encryption key be entered before transmission of said document. (s)

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requiring that a document be retransmitted if a transmission fails; and (t) requiring that a digital watermark be placed in a document (print job, col. 3, lines 15-18).

Regarding claim 5, Tan et al. discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assigning an identifier to each said at least one document classification (col. 4, line 66 through col. 5, line 4).

Regarding claim 9, arguments analogous to those presented for claim 5 are applicable to claim 9.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles, Sr. can be reached on (571)272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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